

## REMARKS

The Examiner's thorough review of the instant application is noted with appreciation.

Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing Amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested.

In this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 10 and 12 have been amended to more clearly define the claimed subject matter. Claim 15 has been cancelled without any prejudice and/or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-14 remain pending in the present application. No new matter has been introduced through this Amendment.

The drawings are objected to by the Examiner because "extension compression cement boards" fails to shown in drawings. In response, "extension compression cement boards" in related claims has been deleted. Therefore, the objection to the drawings is believed overcome.

Claim 1 is objected to because the recitation "a plurality of foamed polystyrene" is unclear. In response, claim 1 has been amended to further define the highlighted element, i.e., "a plurality of foamed polystyrene are attached to said surface of the compression cement boards to cover a remaining portion of the junction between the compression cement boards." The added feature finds support at Fig. 15 and the accompanying text in the specification. Accordingly, in view of amended claim 1, the objection to claim 1 is believed overcome.

Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, "extension compression cement boards" has been deleted in claim 1. Further, "one end" and "another end" alleged by the Examiner as being indefinite have been deleted in claims 1 and 10. In claim 5, "said foamed plastic panel" has been deleted. Accordingly, In view of the amended claims, the rejection is believed overcome and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent **claim 1** is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Olsen et al.* (EP 0878590) in view of *Leblang* (US 6,401,417).

First, independent claim 1 now recites that “said reinforcing members extend long the compression cement boards all the way and overlap the adjacent compression cement boards thereby covering a portion of a junction between the compression cement boards”, which finds support at at least Fig. 15 of the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed feature is not disclosed or suggested by the applied art. Specifically, referring to the “reinforcing member” of *Olsen* as illustrated in Fig. 2A of the Office Action, the “reinforcing member” fails to cover a junction between the wall plates as claimed. As shown in Exhibit A below, the “junction” of *Olsen* is positioned adjacent to the “reinforcing member” rather than being covered by any portion of “reinforcing member”.

Further, the *Olsen* elements 4 positioned between the wall plates to connect the opposite wall plates cannot be regarded as the claimed reinforcing member. As the best seen at Fig. 2 of *Olsen*, the “reinforcing member” 4 are spaced apart from each other rather than extending along the surface all the way as claimed.

Second, independent claim 1 now recites a plurality of reinforcing members integrated to the compression cement boards by a bonding agent, which is not disclosed or suggested by the applied art. The added feature is supported at at least paragraph [0088] of the published application. In particular, the Examiner alleges that *Olsen* discloses the “reinforcing members” which are provided on the surface of the wall elements (Fig. 2A). However, *Olsen* fails to disclose or suggest the “reinforcing members” fixed to the wall plate 1 by any bonding agent as claimed.

None of the other applied references disclose or suggest the claimed features above. Accordingly, for the reasons presented above, claim 1 should be patentable over the applied art and this rejection should be withdrawn.

Independent **claim 5** is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Olsen et al.* in view of *Leblang* in view of *Langkamp* (US 5,792,552) and further in

view of *Lanahan* (US 6,167,624). Applicant traverses this rejection for the reasons as follows.

The applied references fail to disclose or suggest the claimed feature, e.g., “a thickness of at least two side edges of each of the foamed plastic panels is smaller than any other portion of the foamed plastic panel”, as recited in claim 5.

First, if the element 4 of *Olsen* would be regarded by the Examiner as the claimed foamed plastic panels, a thickness of two side edges of the “reinforcing member/ foamed plastic panel” 4 of *Olsen* is larger than any other portion of the foamed plastic panel. See, Fig. 2 of *Olsen* or Exhibit A.

Second, the “reinforcing member” regarded by the Examiner now as the claimed “foamed plastic panels” shown in Fig. 2A of the Office Action have the same/larger thickness of two side edges as that of any other portions of the “reinforcing member”. See, Exhibit A.

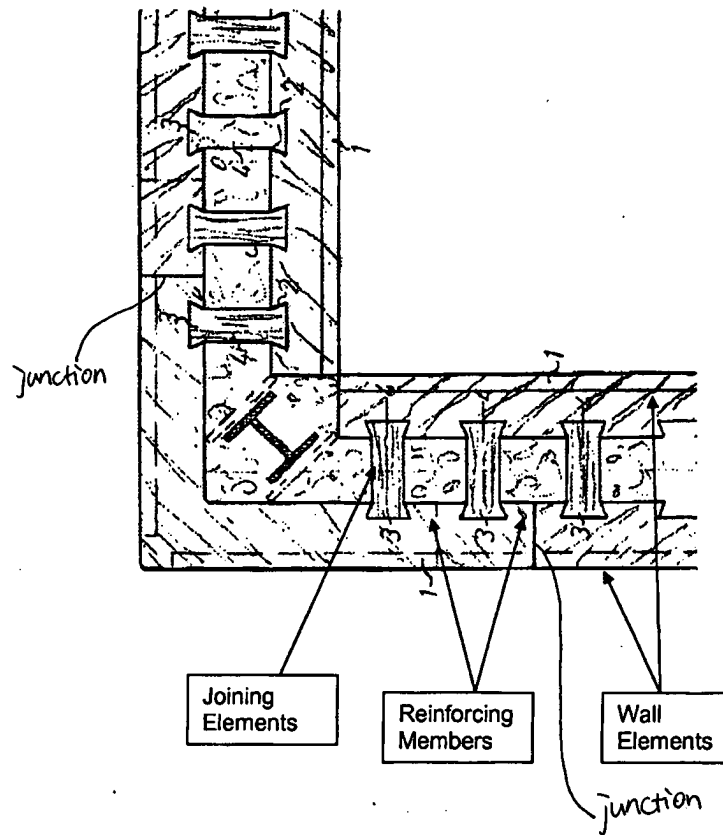
The other applied references fail to cure the deficiency of *Olsen*, therefore, claim 5 should be patentable and this rejection should be withdrawn.

**Claim 12** is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Olsen* in view of *Leblang* and *Lanahan*. In response, claim 12 has been amended to recite the similar feature to that of claim 5, e.g., “a thickness of at least two side edges of each of the foamed plastic panels is smaller than any other portion of the foamed plastic panel”. Accordingly, as discussed above, none of the applied references disclose or suggest the claim feature. Claim 12 should be patentable over the applied art and this rejection should be withdrawn.

Dependent claims should be patentable for at least the reason advanced with respect to independent claims 1, 5 and 12.

**FIGURE 2A**

Exhibit A



Each of the Examiner's objections and rejections has been traversed/overcome. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early notice of allowance is courteously solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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